



HIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT *Hildegarde Howard*
HAS BEEN ELECTED A *Fellow*

OF THE CALIFORNIA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Date: *September 18, 1956*

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July 24, 1961

Dr. Hildegarde Howard
Los Angeles County Museum
Los Angeles, California

My dear Hildegarde:

It was a bit startling to me to learn recently that you were about to retire from your position at the Los Angeles County Museum; and, as a matter of historical curiosity, I looked at my journals to verify my recollection that we first met when you were completing your graduate studies at the University in Berkeley. I had come on May 18, 1932, to be with Dr. Joseph Grinnell, and through him spent an hour or two with you in discussing points of mutual interest concerned in your work on the skeleton of birds.

As the years have passed, we have had many contacts - mainly by mail, too rarely in person. Your studies of fossil birds have been outstanding contributions to our knowledge, and it is my hope that in this retirement it will please you to continue with more time for the things that interest you. If this be your desire, may the fossil birds of the future years be ever bigger and better!

My wife joins me in best wishes for the coming years.

Sincerely yours,

Alexander Wetmore
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July 29, 1961

Dr. Hildegarde Howard
Los Angeles, California

Dear Hildegarde:

I have the pleasure of informing you that in recognition of your notable accomplishments and of your continuing research activities, you are hereby appointed

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE IN PALEO-ORNITHOLOGY
of the Los Angeles County Museum

the title to become effective immediately on your retirement from our staff. I hope that by accepting this honorary position you may remain closely associated with this institution, to the advancement of which you have contributed so greatly during more than three decades.

For more than half of its existence this Museum has had the benefit of your knowledge, your judgment, and your devoted efforts. On behalf of the entire Museum, its staff, its Board of Governors, and its affiliated groups, the Museum Associates, and the Museum Association, I express to you their thanks and their appreciation. All join in the hope that you may have many more fruitful and pleasant years with us, and all join in congratulating you on your many achievements and on the well merited honors that have been bestowed on you, and through you, in reflected glory, on the Museum.

We shall miss you as Chief Curator, but shall welcome you as Research Associate.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Friedmann,
Director

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY
DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

To Dr. Hildegarde Howard

"Hail to thee, blythe Spirit!

Bird thou never wirt."

No! But such a host of birds you have brought to life!
Brought them back from the past and made them live in the
minds of millions who have seen your exhibits or who have
read your words. Great hunters have slain giants (and
midgets) to bring back their trophies to the museums of the
world. You have taken creatures whom time or fate had
robbed of their breath and their beauty. With the magic of
your scientifically trained imagination you have brought them
back to life, made them again beautiful.

Even better you have made your chosen science more vivid
and more favorably known. Why else would the bird lovers of
America have acclaimed you "Fellow" and awarded you the
Brewster Medal coveted by great ornithologists?

Great work, 'My daughter of the spirit!' May you now be
liberated from much detail and freed to carry on with the work
you love!

Peace to you,

Loyd Miller
Padre

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